

### REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Examiner's July 22, 2003 Official Action and November 18, 2003, Advisory Action and respectfully request reconsideration based on the above amendments and the following comments.

Claims 2-13 and 17-26 remain in the application for consideration.

In response to the Examiner's objection to the drawings, Applicant has enclosed a corrected Fig. 2 amended in red for the Examiner's approval wherein elements 10 and 25a are labeled. The reference to element 11a on page 22, line 14 has been deleted. Applicant respectfully submits that this objection has now been overcome.

In response to the Examiner's objection to the specification and claims, Applicant has amended the specification and claims to eliminate each of the problems identified. Applicant respectfully submits that these objections have now been overcome.

In response to the Examiner's rejection of claims 2 and 3 and 17-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph,

Applicant has amended the claims to eliminate each of the problems identified by the Examiner and Applicant including further amendment to the last paragraph of claim 22 in response to the Examiner's November 18, 2003 Advisory Action.

With regard to claim 25, Applicant has amended this claim to provide that the paragraph numbered (1) is modified by the paragraphs 1a, 1b and 1c following paragraph 1 and that paragraph 2 modifies all the features of the claim above paragraph 2. Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection has now been overcome.

The Examiner having not cited any prior art and the Applicant being of the opinion that it has overcome the Examiner's objections and rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph respectfully submits that claims 2-13 and 17-26 are now allowable and that this application is not in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner has further formal problems with the claims, Applicant would appreciate correcting them by telephone conference with the undersigned.

Applicant submits that the invention is new and unobvious and not disclosed by the cited art. Accordingly,

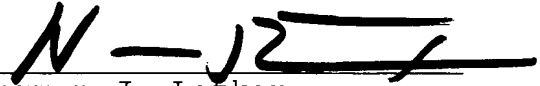
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Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner's early review and  
issuance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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